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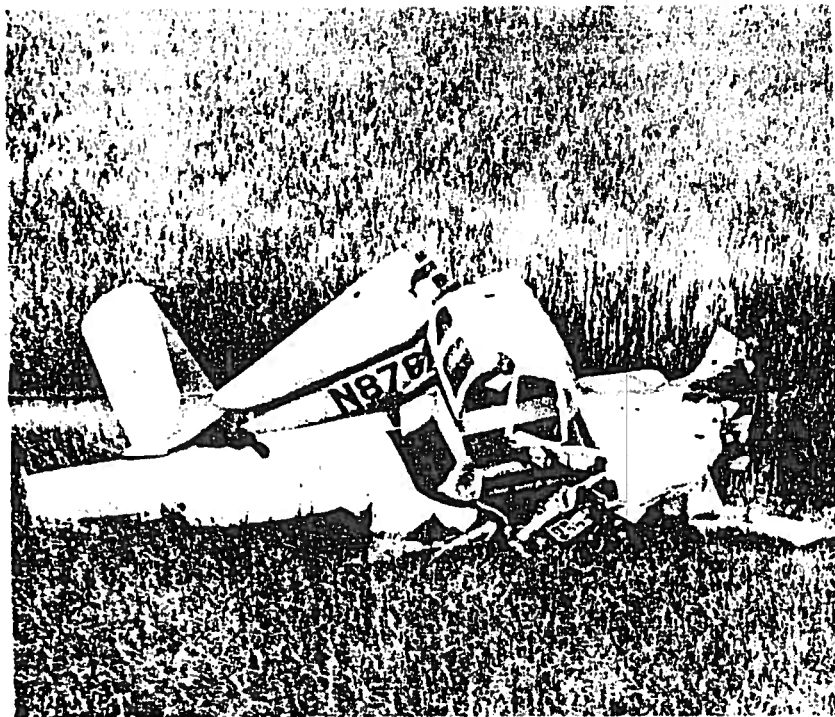
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TASK FORCE 1 RESCUES TWO FLYERS FROM EVERGLADES

by BUD JENKINS



REMAINS OF SMASHED AIRCRAFT FOUND DEEP IN THE EVERGLADES

OUTSTANDING CADETS CHOSEN

Col S.H. DuPont

As an officer who has seen and taken part in special activities selection processes before, it was most gratifying to see not only the fine turnout of qualified cadets, but also the senior interest shown. Particularly gratifying was the chance to see many of the past encampment 'doolies' now going to represent the Florida Wing Nationally and Internationally. What a wonderful transition that these cadets have made. I can recall specifically that some of the cadets during the past few years were close to dismissal from the program for attitude, have made a 180° change in their deportment and knowledge as well as interest and are now rated as top cadets.

I think that it is particularly

gratifying that the winners of the various top positions were well represented from practically all of the groups in the wing. It speaks very well of the development of the standard training program that has been pushed for several years

CADET SELECTION

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Four Fla. Wing Commanders Meet in Orlando

At a historic meeting in Orlando, four Florida Wing Commanders reminisced about the past and spoke of the future of CAP. Attending Florida Wing's first 'Dining-In' were Colonel Wright Vermilya, Florida's first Wing Commander, from 1941 to 1943 and again from 1946 to 1947; Colonel Zack T. Mosley, Commander from 1944 to 1946; Colonel Joseph F. Moody, Commander from 1949 to 1963; and Colonel S. Hallock duPont Jr., current Commander.

Back in May of 1941, before CAP was officially established, "Ike" Vermilya headed the well organized Florida Defense Force, which included some of the nation's top pilots. In 1942, Col. Mosley was in Col. Vermilya's crew and flew numerous missions over the water from CAP headquarters in a small municipal airport outside of Lantana.

They agree that CAP has come a long way since those days. "We started something," Col. Vermilya said, "and you boys are doing a good job carrying on."

Two Key West victims of an airplane crash in the everglades are recuperating from severe shock and injuries after being rescued by joint Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue operations.

H. M. Lindsey, pilot of the single engine Beechcraft Bonanza, which had been missing on a Thursday night flight from Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport to Key West, was found lying on the wing of the wrecked aircraft early Saturday by two members of the Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. He was unconscious but breathing.

Late Saturday afternoon, his passenger, Malcolm Jones was spotted by a Miami Squadron I search and rescue team. The dazed victim was four and a half miles from the scene of the crash, seven miles west of State Road 27, 20 miles south of Andytown. Jones was badly cut and scratched and in deep shock from the two-day ordeal. He was flown out of the Glades by helicopter, flown by a Hallandale pilot, led to the scene by a Miramar pilot.

Jones, 37, a retired military man, was flown to CAP headquarters, then taken by ambulance to Homestead AFB hospital.

Lindsey, 34, a Key West business partner of Jones, was taken to Jackson Memorial by Coast Guard helicopter.

The two men had left Ft. Lauderdale at 11:22 PM Thursday for an hour and 10 minute flight home after attending a Broward County

business conference. They were reported overdue in Key West the following morning.

Eastern Air Rescue Center alerted the Coast Guard and Task Force 1 of the CAP. Search units over the Keys and the Gulf of Mexico by both units were unsuccessful Friday when stormy weather hampered rescue efforts.

Saturday it took pilot Elmer Crawl and Observer Frank Rucerte only 28 minutes after a dawn take-off to spot the wreckage.

CAP planes flew over the site until a Coast Guard helicopter could remove the pilot. The plane was badly broken up, with debris strewn over 200 feet from the fuselage of the plane. There was no sign of Jones and he was presumed to have walked away to get aid for Lindsey.

At 3PM on a final pass over one sector of the murky, swampy sawgrass of the Glades, Observer Lt. Roger Eckenroth called attention to pilot Lt. William Namba Jr., to a movement in the grass. Jones was knee deep and feebly waved to the CAP crew. The pilot tried to reach the Coast Guard helicopter by radio but it was intercepted by helicopter pilot Harold Crooks of Hallandale, at Crescent Airways at North Perry Airport. Crooks was led to the wandering Jones by Pilot Al Lafleur of Miramar and Lt. Bill Carnell of North Dade CAP. Lafleur was flying for the Broward Sheriff's office which led a small flotilla of South Florida Airboat Assoc. CAP airboats in the search area.

The double rescue drew high praise for the CAP Task Force from Major Robert Cushing, EARC at Robbins AFB. "Everyone of the 152 CAP members who took part in the mission should be congratulated for a job well done," he said. "It is exceptionally unusual for two survivors to be located from a total wreck, particularly so far apart from each other. Well done!" Mission coordinator Capt. Don Cunningham, CAP, was equally high in his praise. "Pilots, Observers and ground crews each did a magnificent job with speed and efficiency. My congratulations on a successful double mission."



Left to right: Colonels duPont Mosley, Moody and Vermilya

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MEMO from the Commander

INSPIRATION TO THE CADET PROGRAM... the weekend of the 18th and 19th of January was the highlight of the cadet membership year. During this weekend a total of 67 top cadets in the wing took part in the annual Cadet Special Activities Selection Process.

Cadets from all of the present seventeen Groups took part in the selection process which selected those who would participate in the 1964 Cadet Special Activity programs at the National, Regional and Wing level. All activities were selected except for Eastern Airlines Stewardess school, some applicants for the Ranger program, the Cape Canaveral Orientation Course and the Embry Riddle Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic Orientation Course. An additional selection process will take place 4 April to fill the remaining courses and vacancies in those courses which have had partial selection.

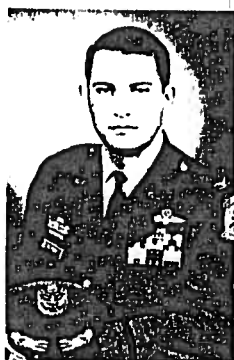
I received a tremendous number of compliments from seniors and in particular new Group commanders on the conduct of the cadets and their displayed knowledge and courtesies during this process. Most seniors who saw the process for the first time were amazed at the process and the tremendous number of top cadets that there are in the wing. Many fine compliments were received from those Air Force personnel from National and Region Headquarters as well as the CAP Region Commander and his staff. All Hotel executives were impressed by the fine behavior and conduct of the cadets and were pleased with the fine turnout.

Including the cadets who will be evaluated on April 4th, the Florida Wing Cadet section will have evaluated in excess of 150 cadets for the various special activities. This will be a new record for the Wing and is a substantial increase from the 44 cadets that were evaluated last year.

National Headquarters advises that they do not see any increase in the number of special activity courses or vacancies in the near future inasmuch as some wings do not use their full quota assignment. For this reason I believe that it is up to the Wing to create special activities such as those we have arranged for the summer, to make up for the lack of increase on the National and Regional level. This would mean that the Florida Wing will have to increase not only the number of course vacancies, but also introduce new and varied courses each summer to keep well ahead of the advancing cadet population the past three years. It is my goal to have the number of Special Activity positions increase at a greater rate than the cadet membership increase which would mean that if the wing maintains its 40% annual increase as it has for the past three years, the number of special activity vacancies must increase at the rate of 60% or better each year.

My only regret about the weekend was that we could not select every cadet present. Those cadets who were not selected were mostly younger cadets with other years ahead and greener postures. May they all come back again next year.

Samuel Hallock du Pont, Jr.
SAMUEL HALLOCK DU PONT, JR.
Colonel, CAP
Commander



duPont



RECEIVES EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Colonel duPont, Wing Commander was presented the Exceptional Service Award by Colonel Reilly, Region Commander during the Officers Dining In in Orlando on the 19th of January.

The award, the second highest in CAP, was presented to Col. duPont for the years 1962 and 1963 for his service to the Florida Wing and to the National Program.

Col. Reilly spoke of the tremendous expansion program that Florida has undergone during the past year, and the most aggressive plans that Col. duPont has outlined for the year 1964.

PILCHER NAMED Maj Ball TASK FORCE III COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Earl Pilcher, former Group III executive officer has been named as full time Task Force Commander for Task Force III. Col. Pilcher occupied this position when he was executive officer, but the changes to the Task Force Concept make necessary full time devotion to the duty assignment.

Pilcher has a long excellent record with CAP dating back 15 years. He resides in Tampa and specializes in the field of Search and Rescue.

Stone Becomes Group V Head

1/Lt. Kenneth R. Stone, former Commander of Palm Beach Cadet Squadron, and before that commandant of Cadets of Palm Beach Composite Squadron, was recently appointed Commander of Group V by Col. duPont.

Stone follows Major Frank J. Harden who was promoted to full time Task Force Commander for Emergency Services also with his headquarters in Palm Beach.

In a short interview with Lt. Stone, he revealed his plans for further development of the Palm Beach area with new Cadet Squadrons, one of which was recently chartered, Forrest Hills Cadet Squadron. Stone said that three more cadet squadrons were planned for the greater Palm Beach area this spring.

THE 2ND INSTALLMENT
OF "FLYING MINUTE MEN"
WILL APPEAR IN THE
MARCH ISSUE...

Major John T. Ball, for three years Commander of Homestead Air Force Base Cadet Squadron, has been named as the new Group Commander for Group X.

Major Ball, a full time USAF Major with the 19th Bomb Wing at Homestead AFB will assume his duties on 1 February and will be officially appointed at the Group's Squadron Commanders call at 1300 hours, Sunday, 9 February 1964, at Miami.

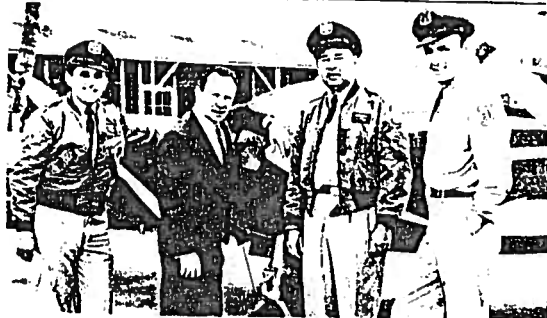
Since Group X is a cadet group Major Ball plans to concentrate his initial efforts on the new Cadet Training Program as well as the most important encampment program coming up for this summer. The Group staff assignments are expected to remain the same.

First Dining-In Big Success

The first annual Officers Dining In was termed highly successful by Col. duPont, Wing Commander. A total of 95 Officers attended.

Col. F. Ward Reilly was guest speaker. Col. Reilly gave an excellent presentation covering the corporate side of CAP and the general problems concerning CAP at the highest levels. The Region Commander, Col. Reilly was kept busy for an hour after the dinner talking to those officers who went to the speakers rostrum to discuss his speech and to learn more about some of the National Problems.

The officers remained after dinner to witness the announcement of the Cadet Special Activity winners and to take part in the Military Ball. A total of 225 persons attended the dance.



Left to right: Lt. Ira Gottfried, Miami Squadron 1; Mayor Robert King High; Lt. Ed Johnson, Squadron Commander; Lt. Forrest Rand, Squadron Information Officer.

MIAMI MAYOR PRAISES CAP

Miami Mayor Robert King High, inspecting Miami Squadron One's newest addition to its fleet of nine search and rescue aircraft (a twin engine Piper Apache) complimented CAP on its effectiveness in rescuing the two flyers from the Everglades recently.

Mayor High, a pilot himself, said that he was a strong supporter of the work that CAP is doing in Search and Rescue. "I've always been impressed by the way you fellows drop everything and come running the moment help is needed. It's a pretty wonderful thing for a pilot to know that a trained and experienced group is ready to help him in time of trouble."

Special Activities Selection Gala Event

Florida CAP 'invaded' the Robert Meyer Motor Inn on January 18th, as more than 250 cadets and CAP figures assumed awesome proportions from every part of the state portions to the cadets. To them flooded into Orlando for the 1964 Special Activities Selection and to some the appearance of Col. Military Ball.

Things got under way with the registration of the first group of cadets at 9AM. By eleven, 50

cadets had registered and the scene at the hotel's mezzanine was one of organized bedlam... organized because Major William Bass, Wing Deputy for Cadets and his staff were conducting an orderly, smooth-running operation... bedlam because in every corner groups of cadets were busily and nervously studying, rehearsing and worrying.

In the two dining rooms that had been converted into testing rooms, cadets were pouring over the multiple-choice written examinations. One, the general leadership test, was taken by all cadets. The others, covering specific National Activities such as IACE, SAOC and JOC were being taken by those cadets who had applied for such specific activities.

Opinions were mixed as to the difficulty of the written test. Cadet Richard D'alli said the tests were a snap... Cadet Harry Jones said they were rough... but all cadets agreed on one thing... the hardest part of all was standing before the selection board.

"Standing there in front of all that brass is the most frightening thing I ever had to do" one of the cadets said.

"I know why they chose the 'Spanish Room' to hold the selections", cadet Robert Stettina remarked as he came out of the room, his brow wet with perspiration, "It was like the Spanish Inquisition!"

"One of the questions got me so mixed up," a female cadet said, "that I almost burst into tears!"

Although the reviewing board, consisting of Col. duPont, Col. Moody, Col. Mosley, Lt. Col. Farmer, Major Bass, Major Doyle and Capt. Bennett tried their best

to make the cadets feel at ease, the alignment of such distinguished CAP figures assumed awesome proportions to the cadets. To them the reviewing officers were legends and to some the appearance of Col. Zack Mosely on the board was as awe-inspiring as a visit from the National Commander.

Almost as frightening to some cadets were the physical examinations with the inevitable 'foot-of-organized bedlam... organized bayonet' used for the blood tests. Lt. Col. Saber, Wing Medical Officer must have enlisted the aid of half of the Orlando Air Base Hospital staff to get so many cadets processed in so short a time.

By 5 PM sixty-seven of the cadets who had applied for special activities had completed their tests, appeared before the selection board and had their physicals.

The Military Ball got under way at about 9PM and the cadets and their dates were almost outwitted by some of the more energetic senior members. The more sedate (if not older) seniors lounged in the sidelines until the orchestra took pity and played some slower, less taxing music.

At 11:30 the orchestra took a break and the long-awaited moment arrived. The hush that fell over the ballroom as Col. duPont and Major Bass walked over to the 'mike' was indicative of the seriousness of the occasion. This was no mere game to these cadets. The desire to be one of the 'selected' was genuine and important. As Col. duPont and Major Bass read each winning name a great wave of cheering and squeals of delight echoed throughout the hotel. The jubilation or disappointment of the moment was mirrored in every face... not only of the cadets but of the seniors too, for there wasn't one among them who didn't have a 'favorite' in the group.

The announcements over, losers were seen somewhat enviously shaking hands with the winners and more than one female was seen with mascara running, smiling sadly or gladly through her tears.

The affair was over. It had been a strain. Hard on the seniors who conducted it, but much harder on the cadets who put so much of their hopes and dreams into it. All benefited from it. To those who were selected it will mean months of anticipated pleasure... of waiting until summer comes. The losers know that next year is coming and will begin preparing for it now.

To Major Bass, it means a moment of accomplishment but not of relaxation... his work must go on. To those sitting on the Selection Board it is a moment of pride... to have such fine cadets pass before them. All, according to Col. Joseph Moody, were highly qualified... Col. Mosley summed it up as well as anyone could... "So many youngsters these days have no ambition, but these kids in cadet training... every one of them has a definite goal."

...but Colonel Cohee are you SURE this is in the regulations??





AAOC (AEROSPACE AGE ORIENTATION COURSE)

Left to right: Maj. Bass, Sandra Smith, Sharon VanLandingham, Sharon Kirby and Col. duPont.



FAAOC (FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY ORIENTATION COURSE)

Left to right: Maj. Bass; Eric Olson, Clarence Stephens, Bruce Strean and Col. duPont.



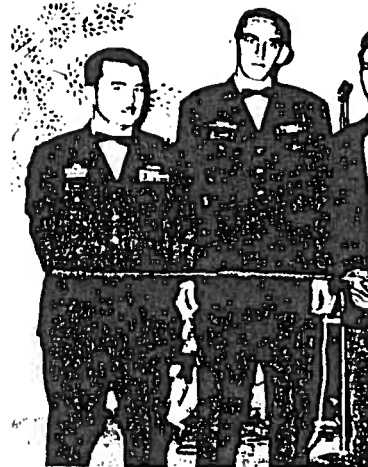
CAPE CANAVERAL ORIENTATION

Left to right: (back row) Norman Baldwin, Joseph Borderieux, Melvin Bulman, Alvin Cash and Richard D'Alli. (front row) Harry Jones, Lynn Krohn, John Pipes, Fredrick Redmond and Don Roberts.



SENIOR ESCORTS

Left to right: (back row) Lt. Col. Melri, Lt. Col. Ralph Gwim - Cape Canaveral row) Col. Bass; Lt. Col. Alfred T. R. Sepe - Embry-Riddle Orientation; Capt. Klose-Cape Canaveral; Col. duPont.



JOC (JET ORIENTATION COURSE)

Left to right: Maj. Bass, Thomas St. and Col. duPont.

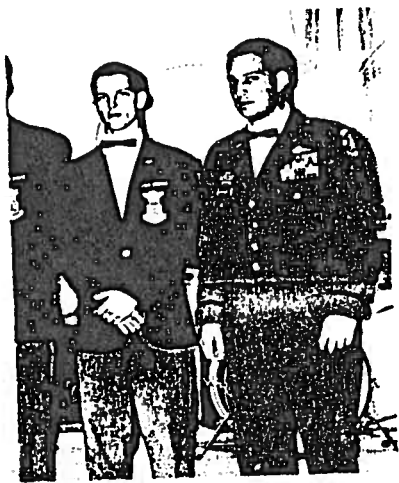


RANGERS

Left to right: (back row) Chris Carpenter, Mercer. (Front row) Col. Bass, John and Col. duPont.



ser-IACE: Lt. Col. Edward Cohee-JOC;
Frederick Jaye-Cape Canaveral; (front
s - Embry Riddle Orientation: W/O Alan
olhy Puffpaff-Girls Exchange: Lt. Nancy



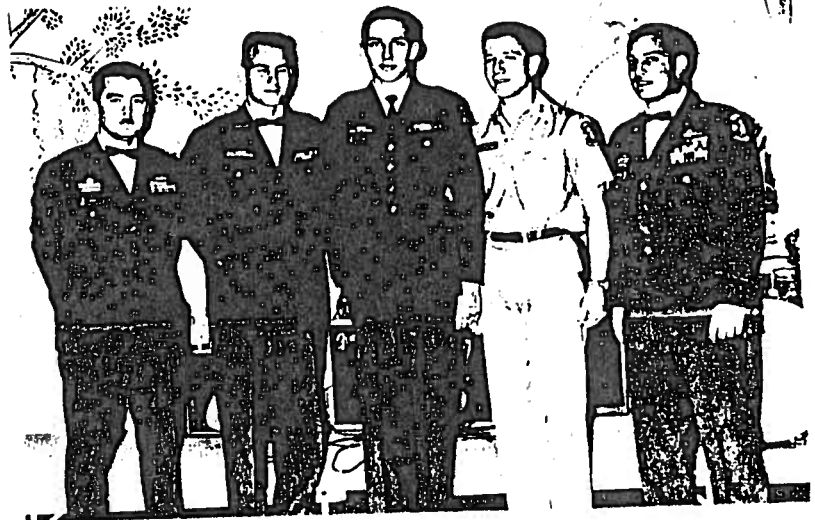
J. Allyn Bullington, Harrison Bucklew



Richard Freeman, Rob Godbee and Robert
rr, Ronald Smith, Frederick Swearingen



SERGE (SOUTHEAST REGION EXCHANGE)
Left to right: Maj. Bass, Jackie Bond, Mary Feller, Diane Garey, Patricia Tierny,
Joyce Carruba and Col. duPont. (not shown - Maryann Allison).



SAOC (SPACE AGE ORIENTATION COURSE)
Left to right: Maj. Bass., Robert Baird, Robert Stellina, Jeffrey Goldstein and Col.
duPont.



IACE (INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE)
Left to right: (back row) Harold Ryan, John Rollinson, Paul Glance, Kenneth Kelly,
Jay Wilhelm, and Thomas Tremmel. (front row) Jay T. Spencer, Richard Parkman
Ronald Desilets, Harry Bopp and Mark Haffey.



ASTRONAUT WELCOMED INTO CAP

GROUP II --- The West Jacksonville Cadet Squadron is proud to announce the membership of Lt. Alan L. Bean, USN, to its senior staff. On November 18, 1963, the squadron was honored to have Lt. Bean present the Apollo, Gemini program in which he has been selected to work. Lt. Bean presented to the cadets two films about the aerospace research behind the Apollo, Gemini moon shot that is scheduled for trial in 1965. Lt. Bean also reviewed the research and development in the Mercury program.

Of special interest was the relating of the many requirements of

formal education needed to be a CAP offers to the teen age youth candidate for the astronaut training of America.

and the screening and testing and vigorous schedule he had while he was being considered for his role in the astronaut field.

Along with the serious comments he told of some of the lighter moments of his ordeal of waiting for the answer to his appointment. He stressed to the cadets that in this day of rapid advancement and change in our lives and in industry their education is a most vital point toward success or failure.

Lt. Bean commented that he and would have welcomed a chance to have had the type of training that date.

Lt. Bean was welcomed to the squadron by being presented with his membership and a hand-hewn swaggerstick as a token of recognition and appreciation. Cadet Lt. Sheppard, Cadet Commander presented this token to Lt. Bean.

The squadron was host to all cadet squadrons in the Jacksonville area for the occasion.

The squadron feels that Lt. Bean will have a great impact on their Aerospace Education Program and will put CAP in outer space and possibly on the moon at a later date.

CADETS TRAIN FOR FIRE FIGHTING

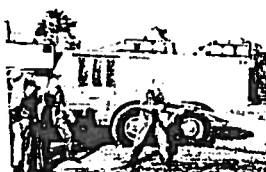
On November 16, five Cadet members of the West Jacksonville Cadet Squadron were the guests of the local Florida Air National Guard Fire Prevention Section at Imeson Airport, Jacksonville.

The personnel of the F A N G under the direction of M/Sgt. Vernon Foster, gave a five hour demonstration of fire fighting and protection on the flight line for the cadets. This training included a demonstration of the use of foam equipment on large fires and CO2 for small fires, also pointers on how to handle fires from fuel spills and manifold backfires.

These cadets are being trained to form a flight line Crash and Rescue Squad to operate at the airports where CAP missions are held where formal protection of this sort is not generally available.

Beside fire fighting, the cadets were briefed on how to disarm military aircraft ejection seats and how to remove pilots safely.

This training is of the best on the job type available. The squadron is looking forward to furnishing Task Force V with the safest flight line operations and crash and rescue teams in the Florida Wing.



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EXTENSIVE ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM PLANNED

Col. du Pont and Major Bass have announced the final plans for the 1964 Encampment Program. The first in a series of twelve encampment posters have been mailed to all units for posting on their bulletin boards. These posters, which will change each two weeks, will be automatically included in the wing mailout each two weeks until 30 June.

Five separate encampments are scheduled and have been approved by the Air Force for Tyndall AFB beginning 14 June and continuing until 23 August. The cost of the encampments will be \$17 and the requirement for uniforms will remain the same for two uniforms of the class B type and two sets of fatigues.

Encampment applications will be mailed to all units from Wing Headquarters on 15 February and must be completed and returned to the Wing Deputy for Cadets not later than 30 April. Applications for Cadets to attend encampments will not be sent through group but will be sent directly from squadron to Major Bass. Applications for Seniors will also be forwarded to Major Bass, but applications for Cadet officer positions will be forwarded through Group Commander or Director of Cadets for endorsement and will include the necessary photograph.

Cadets will mark applications showing the order of preference as to date they would like to attend encampment. These requests will be honored as closely as possible.

Priority will be given those cadets who have never attended encampment before. There will be plenty of room for those cadets who went to camp last year or before, but who would like to attend again this year.

Squadron Commanders are asked to explain the encampment program to all cadets, and to follow qualifications and requirements that will be in future issues of wing and cadet bulletins.

It is requested that all cadets and seniors apply as early as possible, but in all cases prior to the 30 April deadline for these applications to reach Major Bass in Cocoa. The address will be on the application form.

ANDREWS TO GROUP XII

1/Lt. Duane P. Andrews, former commander of University Cadet Squadron has been named as the new Commander of Group XII, with headquarters in Gainesville.

Lt. Andrews rose through the cadet ranks to be Cadet Chairman of the Cadet Advisory Council and in his last year as a cadet served as Cadet Commander of the 1963 Encampment at Eglin AFB.

Group XII has been developing very steadily to the point where their cadet memberships for the year 1964 are running 400% ahead of 1963. This fast growing group now consists of seven Cadet Squadrons.

THE WAY I SEE IT

by MAJOR ROBERT CUSHING, Chief Coordinator,
Eastern Air Rescue Center, Robbins Air Force Base

The people of Florida have a wonderful gift from God... the temperature in their state is, for the most part, comfortable all year round, however there is a large percentage of Florida CAPers who fly around without even thinking of what they would do if they should have to make a forced landing sometime.

Just a couple of years ago, at one of our Air Bases, a routine administrative flight ended as an unnecessary disaster. This major accident, which occurred during winter condition in rough terrain, revealed that aircrews were becoming complacent about the hazards associated with post accident survival and are therefore making inadequate preparations for bailout or forced landing contingencies.

In this accident one passenger and three crew members died because of exposure after a successful bailout. All were clad in summer flying suits except the passengers who were wearing uniforms. There was no survival gear aboard the aircraft nor was there any survival gear carried by the individuals.

What's this got to do with you CAPers? Plenty! How many times have you seen people go out to fly on a Redcap or Sarcap with just a map in their hand and dressed as though they were going to work in a field of a forced landing. Let's at least practice what we preach!



WING CHAPLAIN RECEIVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Lt. Col. Earl V. Farmer, Chaplain of the Florida Wing Headquarters, received the Meritorious Service award during the officers Dining In at the Cadet Selection Process weekend in Orlando, 18 January, 1964.

Chaplain Farmer won this coveted award for his long years of service to the Florida Wing and in particular for the past four years he has served as Wing Chaplain.

In making the presentation Col. duPont commented on Chaplain Farmer's long CAP career that not only had his record be excellent, but that the job of managing all chaplain positions in squadrons would be formidable and that alerting all CAP chaplains of the importance of the Moral Leadership section of the new cadet training program most important.

DID YOU KNOW THAT... A complete jet engine change, including a testing period, takes only six hours at the maintenance base of one major airline. Mechanics meet the airliner at the terminal and begin to strip cowlings

and prepare the engine for removal before baggage and cargo are unloaded.

During the first minute of flight an Atlas launch vehicle consumes more fuel than a jet airliner during a transcontinental flight.



Patricia Doane - Oakland Park Cadet Squadron with Eastern Air Lines Certificate

Air Force Academy Liaison Officer in Hotel Fire

Major and Mrs. Harry Pickering, Pickering said, "when three young victims of the Hotel Roosevelt fire men from the University of Florida in Jacksonville, were given a helping hand by members of the West door and pulled us into their room. Jacksonville Cadet Squadron. Maj. I credit these men with saving our Pickering, South Florida Liaison lives".

Officer for the Air Force Academy, CAP Lt. and Mrs. Norman is a prominent member of the North Scheufler and their son Cadet Carl Dade Composite Squadron, Miami. Scheufler visited the Pickering's at the Baptist Memorial Hospital and then returned to the scene of the fire and reclaimed the Pickering's Jacksonville because of weather, personal items left in the room during the hasty departure. The following day the Pickering's were met by members of the Jacksonville CAP, and escorted to Imeson Airport and sent off on their second (and successful) attempt to return to Miami.

"We had given up all hope of being able to survive", Major

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions were recorded during the period of 1 December 1963 to 1 January 1964. These are not necessarily the dates of rank and this does not constitute authority for rank:

TO LT. COLONEL:

Feldman, L.

Group I Headquarters

TO CAPTAIN:

Pleva, David
Hipp, Charles
Butler, E.

Canaveral Composite Squadron
Orlando S&R Squadron
Driftwood Cadet Squadron

TO 1ST LT:

Lindsey, S.
Freeman, R.R.
Nichols, J.B.

Plant City Squadron
Tampa Composite Squadron
Gulf Beach Squadron

TO 2ND LT:

Scheufler, Carl
Scheufler, Betty
Cash, Alvin
Johns, Ruth

West Jacksonville Squadron
West Jacksonville Squadron
Winter Haven Squadron
St. Johns River Cadet Squadron

Your attention is drawn to credit memos mailed on the 15th (Jan) for all applications which were pending and held for various reasons at Wing Headquarters. No applications will be held at Wing. If they have discrepancies they will be returned with a credit memo for dues which will be returned when corrections are made.

STARTING 1 MARCH we will go to the DIRECT MEMBERSHIP system. More will follow in a Commanders Bulletin in the near future. Watch or till

Ray Kraemer

STEWARDESS SCHOOL PLAN

Col. du Pont advised shortly before press time that he had completed preliminary arrangements with Mrs. Winnie Gilbert, Manager of the In-Flight training school of Eastern Airlines in Miami, to hold the second annual Florida Wing-Eastern Airline Cadette Stewardess School during this coming summer.

Last year 15 cadettes from the Florida Wing were graduated from the stewardess school and all received modified Eastern Airline diplomas for their participation in the week long course.

Eastern was not able to give the exact date, however, it is assumed that it will be the first part of July.

Applications for this year's course must be on Form 31 in triplicate along with three copies of the Form 32 Physical examination. A check in the amount of \$25.00 (the same as last year), and two sets of three pictures each. One set to be recent head and shoulders and the other set to be full length. The deadline for application in Cocoa through channels is 1 March.

1/Lt

Paul Kerr

COMMANDER GROUP IV

Joined CAP in 1958
Exec. Officer
Commander of the
Pensacola Comp
Squadron

GOT HIS PILOTS
LICENCE IN 1958

KNOW YOUR GROUP COMMANDERS (One of a series)

PRACTICE PUT TO USE

GROUP IX - 18 January ----

Capt. Doug Keller, Commander of the Sunrise Cadet Squadron had part of his Squadron on one of the several Rescue Training courses conducted by the Cadet Medical flight. Instruction was given to the cadets on rescue procedure in the field, including first aid and the rescue of persons unconscious.

The cadets completed eight training classes. During the last class C/T Sgt. Mary Walczuk and C/Sgt Debbie Meadows were sent out as subjects to be rescued. The rescuing cadets did not know that their work was being timed by Capt. Keller. When the rescue team returned Cadet Walczuk was being carried on a stretcher, her left leg in a splint and covered by a blanket for simulated shock. In their enthusiasm as ammonia was being 'administered' for 'shock' the cap of the ammonia bottle fell off and a few drops fell in Cadet Walczuk's eye. First aid was now a real thing! Water was brought by one cadet, another, in seconds, produced gauze, eye pads, and cotton from the Squadron's medical cabinet. The swift efficient manner that the cadets administered the first aid shortly had their patient back to normal.

Capt. Keller is proud of all the cadets in this program of search and rescue and the communications section which is used to direct help to the injured for first aid and transportation to safety.

KING & QUEEN...

On 27 December the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron held their Christmas party at the VFW hall. The New Smyrna Beach Composite Squadron was invited to attend and 26 members and friends drove up for the dance.

Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the King and the Queen. The Queen was chosen by secret ballot by the cadets from New Smyrna and the King by secret ballot by the cadets from Daytona. Commander of the Daytona Squadron, 1/Lt. Walter Rupert named and crowned Cadet Donna Steighner Queen, and Commander Capt. Edward Steighner of New Smyrna Beach crowned cadet Walter M. Rupper Jr. King. The court for the Queen were cadets Linda Marshall and Robert Stettina and the court for the King were cadets Jeannette MacDonald and Dennis Peterson.

W/O Murry Pendleton, IO from Daytona furnished the music for the dance... he's a disc jockey for radio WSBB.

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Group VIII Gets Coordinator of Women Award

Captain Candy Bennett presented Captain Florence Kiernan with the 1963 Florida Wing Coordinator of Women Award Trophy for her Group's outstanding work with the CAP women this past year.

Capt. Kiernan, although now assigned to Group XIV where her husband is Group Commander, accepted the award in her joint behalf for Lt. Col. George K. Wall, Group VIII Commander who could not attend the dinner due to prior commitments.

The winning Women's Coordinator said that she wanted to keep the new beautiful trophy even though she had changed groups, but she said she would win it again next year for Group XIV.

Capt. Bennett spoke at some length on the progress the wing has made during the past year in the field of the women's coordinator. She was most pleased with the manner in which the units were appointing new staff officers in this field and the high degree of cooperation that had been working between these officers and higher headquarters.

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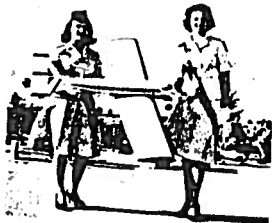
Model Plane Meet Choses Cadets as Queen & Princess

A queen and princess were chosen at the Tenth King Orange International Model Plane Meet, and both were cadets from Miami Springs Cadet Squadron.

The meet, held recently at Masters Field, Miami, drew over 3000 spectators who came to watch the 176 contestants put their radio controlled aircraft into competition. Precision flying, stunt flying and free-flight were some of the events of the meet.

Dall Hernandez was chosen Queen and Brenda Vernon was chosen Princess. Each girl was given a beautiful trophy.

Other CAP Cadets also participated... cadets from Central Miami and Benjamin Franklin helped direct traffic, timed all the events and presented the awards to the winning contestants.



XMAS PARTY

On the evening of December 19th the Carrabelle Cadet Squadron mixed business and pleasure at the Yaupon Garden Club. Lt. W. J. Squires, Commandant of Cadets and his wife coordinated the affair which was considered highly successful.

The two principle items on the agenda were a discussion period under Lt. D. O. Wheeler, Northwestern Florida coordinator of Cadet activities, and the informal portion of the gathering. Mrs. W. J. Squires was instrumental in the decorations and the serving of refreshments. The cadets exchanged gifts in the traditional manner.

The cadets were 100% in attendance. All male members were in uniform. Lt. Squires is currently purchasing material which will be tailored into proper uniforms for all female cadets at an early date.



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Group I Has a Ball

Group I held its Military Ball

on 11 January, and some 200 South to Florida CAP Seniors and Cadets Officer for Benjamin Franklin Shrine's Hall in Ft. Lauderdale. news coverage of CAP events, and the awarding of the Meritorious Col. Fisher, the 'Bullslinger' award, for his double duties as few... It is presumed that all of Force I. The presentation was made by Col. duPont. Col. Fisher then made the Group I presentations, which included a trophy to W/O Allan Sepe for the most outstanding cadet during his activities as Cadet Major of the Central Miami Squadron. Central Miami also received the award as the best Cadet Squadron of Group I. 1/Lt. Ed Johnson, Commander of Miami Squadron I took the Most Outstanding Squadron honors.



Bud Jenkins, left, getting award.

AIRLINES NEED MORE PILOTS

There has been a sudden transformation on the part of the requirements of major air lines in their quest for qualified pilots.

In the past, the air lines have enjoyed the seemingly bottomless supply of pilots coming out of the Air Force, men who were fully qualified in jets and with a fine background on the latest navigational equipment, etc., but suddenly, and apparently without warning, this supply of qualified men ceased to exist.

This undoubtedly is due to the fact that the Air Force, like the air lines, owns and operates fewer aircraft than in the past because of the increased capabilities of the aircraft and the fact that the Air Force has been steadily placing emphasis on obtaining officers who are making the Air Force their career. As a result of this transformation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute has been called upon by several large air lines to submit pilot training programs to them.

In the same vein, the aircraft industry is faced with a shortage of aeronautical engineers and airframe and powerplant technicians. Embry-Riddle is unable to fill all of the requests from industry for people trained in these fields.

The above facts readily point out that the field of aviation holds one of the brightest futures available to the young men and women who have exhibited their interest in this field by participating in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet program. The education required is probably the most interesting that young men or women could engage in and the rewards after graduation, are the highest.

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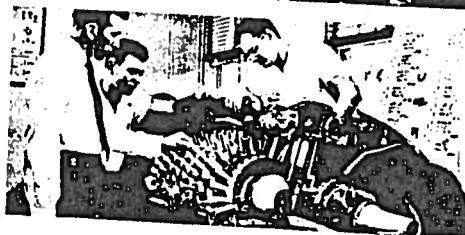
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